

Letter from Eliza Symonds Bell and Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, September 26, 1887

1525. 35 TH Street, West Washington. D. C. September 26 1887 My dear Alec

I a using, experimentally, for the f first time, a Hammond type writer which, handsomely mounted on a walnut writing. table is a gift from good mamma. I have to dodge slowly to find the position of, the letters, but this difficulty will soon be overcome The working of the machine is simple and easy and the result clear and clean and in perfect alignment. so far, I am very much pleased with the "Hammond". il shall probably use it for all my correspondence hereafter. we are having cool weather in wWashington and you, no doubt have colder still in Cape bret on. Our cold will, I hope be the positive pole of a magnet to attract you here and Nova-Scotian cold the negative pole to repel you thence. What about the girl you recommended? we defer other arrangements until we hear from you. I send you this letter with all its faults uncorrected, as is apsolutelymy first handling of the machine. We all join in love to:

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

MABEL GARDINER BELL

ELSIE MAY BELL

MARION [DAISIE] BELL

Your affectionate Mother, and FATHER ELIQA GRACE BELL Alexander Melville Bell.